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SUBJECT: KREMLIN CREDENTIALS OF BORIS RABBOT

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1. INR/RSE AND OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY SPOKE AT LENGTH WITH RABBOT DURING HIS WEEK-LONG STAY IN WASHINGTON SEVERAL MONTHS AGO. AT THAT TIME HE STRUCK US AS AN INTELLIGENT OBSERVER WHO LIVED AND WORKED ON THE FRINGE OF MOSCOW'S HIGH POLICY-MAKING CIRCLES. WHEN PRESSED, HE ADMITS POLICY ASSESSMENTS HE SAW WERE OCCASIONALLY SHOWN HIM BY STAFF-ASSISTANT TYPE FRIENDS. HIS MOST IMPORTANT CONTACT WAS A.M. RUMYANTSEV FOR WHOM HE WORKED AS AN ASSISTANT WHEN HE HEADED INSTITUTE FOR CONCRETE SOCIOLOGICAL RESEARCH.

2. YOU SHOULD KNOW RABBOT IS HIGHLY COMMERCIAL. AS ROBERT KAISER NOTES IN HIS BIO-SKETCH IN WP, RABBOT (ASSUME YOU HAVE TEXT) WILL BECOME VISITING SENIOR SCHOLAR AT  
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COLUMBIA'S RUSSIAN INSTITUTE, COURTESY OF ROCKEFELLER GRANT (FACILITATED BY MARSHALL SHULMAN, WE UNDERSTAND).

3. AS FOR WP ARTICLE, RABBOT INCLINES TOWARD GENERALIZATIONS, OFTEN SOUND, BUT WITHOUT DOCUMENTATION. HE EVIDENTLY DOES POSSESS EMPIRICAL DATA IN HIS FIELD OF SOCIOLOGY, BUT TO DATE HE HAS NOT PRODUCED NEW EVIDENCE

OF THE INNER WORKINGS OF THE KREMLIN. HIS BROAD-BRUSH ANALYSIS OF SOVIET POLITICS RESTS LARGELY ON HIS READING OF THE OPEN PRESS. WE ARE IN GENERAL AGREEMENT EXCEPT FOR HIS CHARACTERIZATION OF KOSYGIN, PARTICULARLY IN THE FALL OF SHELEPIN AND THE CUBAN VENTURE IN ANGOLA.

4. ONE OR MORE BOOKS WILL APPEAR BY RABBOT, AND PART OF HIS RESERVE IN DISCUSSING KREMLIN TOPICS EXCEPT FOR A PRICE IS DICTATED BY HIS DESIRE TO PUBLISH FIRST. HIS STOCK OF KREMLIN LORE WILL APPEAR GRADUALLY ON A BASIS CALCULATED TO MAXIMIZE RETURNS. HOWEVER, HIS FORMER ACCESS TO THE WORLD OF MOSCOW INSTITUTES SHOULD SUPPLY ENOUGH MATERIALS TO KEEP HIM VISIBLE FOR SOME TIME TO COME.

5. PLEASE PASS TO FRANK STARR RL/RFE TODAY.

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